

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) At a backup call server in a packet-based telephony network, a method of maintaining a record of an active media connection comprising:
 sending a request, from the backup call server, to a media gateway, for information regarding said active media connection; and
 receiving said information at the backup call server.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said sending comprises formulating said request using a network management protocol.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said network management protocol is a Simple Network Management Protocol.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said network management protocol is a Media Gateway Control Protocol.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said network management protocol is a Session Initiation Protocol.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising storing said received information in a memory.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising repeating said sending at a predetermined interval.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said received information includes an identification of a device ~~origination~~ originating said active media connection.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said received information includes an indication of a duration of time said active media connection has been active.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said received information includes an indication of a coding algorithm used for said active media connection.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said received information includes an indication of Quality of Service setting associated with said active media connection.
12. (Currently Amended) A backup call server operable to:
send a request, to a media gateway, for information regarding an active media connection; and
receive said information at the backup call server.
13. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing computer-executable instructions which, when performed by a processor in a backup call server in a packet-based telephony network, cause the processor to:
send a request, from the backup call server to a media gateway, for information regarding an active media connection; and
receive said information at the backup call server.
14. (Currently Amended) At a backup call server in a packet-based telephony network, a method of acquiring a record of an active media connection comprising:
receiving an indication of a failure of a primary call server, said primary call server, prior to said failure, supporting said active media connection;
responsive to said receiving, sending a request, from the backup call server to a media gateway, for information regarding said active media connection; and
receiving said information at the backup call server.
15. (Currently Amended) At a media gateway in a packet-based telephony network, a method of providing a record of an active media connection comprising:
receiving, from a backup call server, a request for information regarding said active media connection; and

responsive to said request, transmitting information regarding said active media connection to said backup call server.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein said request is received using a Simple Network Management Protocol.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said transmitted information includes a network address of a device originating said active media connection.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said transmitted information includes an indication of a duration of time said active media connection has been active.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said transmitted information includes an indication of a coding algorithm used for said active media connection.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said transmitted information includes an indication of Quality of Service setting associated with said active media connection.

21. (Currently Amended) A first media gateway comprising:
a receiver for receiving an incoming media flow;
a digital signal processor communicatively connected to said receiver for processing said media flow;
a transmitter communicatively connected to said digital signal processor for transmitting said media flow to a second media gateway; and
a processor operable to:
receive, from a backup call server, a request for information regarding said media flow; and
responsive to said request, transmit information regarding said media flow to said backup call server.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing computer-executable instructions which, when performed by a processor in a media gateway, cause the processor to:
- receive, from a backup call server, a request for information regarding an active media connection; and
 - responsive to said request, transmit information regarding said active media connection to said backup call server.
23. (Original) A packet-based telephony network system comprising:
- a packet based data network;
 - a telephone station apparatus;
 - a media gateway communicatively connected to said telephone station apparatus and said data network;
 - a primary call server communicatively connected, over said data network, to said media gateway; and
 - a backup call server communicatively connected, over said data network, to said media gateway and operable to:
 - send a request, to said media gateway, for information regarding an active media connection terminated at said primary server; and
 - receive said information.
24. (Canceled).